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Kentucky's 2015 Soybean Production Increases *Corn and Tobacco Production Declines*

Corn production in **Kentucky** is estimated at 225 million bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast and down slightly from the previous crop. Yield is estimated at 172 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from the November forecast and up 14 bushels from the 2014 level. Acres for harvest as grain are estimated at 1.31 million acres, down 120,000 acres from 2014. The **U.S.** corn production is estimated at 13.6 billion bushels, down slightly from the November forecast and down 4 percent from the revised 2014 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at 168.4 bushels per acre. This is down 0.9 bushels from the November forecast and 2.6 bushels below the revised 2014 average yield. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 80.7 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast and down 3 percent from the revised 2014 acreage.

Soybean production for **Kentucky** is estimated at 88.7 million bushels, down 6 percent from the November forecast and up 7 percent from 2014. Yield is estimated at 49 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last month and up 1.5 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans is estimated at 1.81 million acres, up 60,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is 3.93 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast and up slightly from last year. The average yield per acre is estimated at 48.0 bushels, down 0.3 bushels from the previous forecast and up 0.5 bushels from last year. Area harvested is down 1 percent from 2014 at 81.8 million acres.

Kentucky burley tobacco production is estimated at 104 million pounds, down 8 percent from the October forecast and down 36 percent from 2014. Yield was estimated at 1,800 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from October forecast and down 350 pounds from the 2014 crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 58,000 acres, down 18,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is estimated at 145 million pounds, down 32 percent from last year. Burley growers harvested 78,900 acres, down 22 percent from 2014. Yields are estimated at 1,834 pounds per acre, down 266 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured tobacco** is estimated at 31.7 million pounds, down 13 percent from the previous year. **Dark air-cured tobacco** production is estimated at 13.8 million pounds, down 5 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay production by **Kentucky** farmers is estimated at 629,000 tons, up 12 percent the 2014 level. **Other hay** production is estimated at 5.06 million tons, up 20 percent from last year.

**ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY 2014-2015
KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		
	2014 ¹	2015	2014 ¹	2015	2014 ¹	2015	2014 ¹	2015	15 % of 14
	KENTUCKY								
	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(000 bu)</i>	<i>(000 bu)</i>	<i>%</i>
Corn ²	1,520	1,400	1,430	1,310	158.0	172.0	225,940	225,320	100
Soybeans ²	1,760	1,840	1,750	1,810	47.5	49.0	83,125	88,690	107
Wheat, Winter ²³	630	560	510	440	71.0	73.0	36,210	32,120	89
	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(000 tons)</i>	<i>(000 tons)</i>	<i>%</i>
Hay:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	2,265	2,370	2.10	2.40	4,761	5,689	119
Alfalfa	--	--	165	170	3.40	3.70	561	629	112
Other, All	--	--	2,100	2,200	2.00	2.30	4,200	5,060	120
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(000 pounds)</i>	<i>(000 pounds)</i>	<i>%</i>
Tobacco:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	91,700	72,900	2,337	2,055	214,280	149,830	70
Burley	--	--	76,000	58,000	2,150	1,800	163,400	104,400	64
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	10,700	9,900	3,400	3,200	36,380	31,680	87
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	5,000	5,000	2,900	2,750	14,500	13,750	95
	UNITED STATES								
	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(000 bu)</i>	<i>(000 bu)</i>	<i>%</i>
Corn ²	90,597	87,999	83,136	80,749	171.0	168.4	14,215,532	13,601,198	96
Soybeans ²	83,276	82,650	82,591	81,849	47.5	48.0	3,927,090	3,929,885	100
Wheat, Winter ²³	42,409	39,461	32,299	32,257	42.6	42.5	1,377,216	1,370,188	99
	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(000 tons)</i>	<i>(000 tons)</i>	<i>%</i>
Hay:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	57,062	54,437	2.45	2.47	139,923	134,388	96
Alfalfa	--	--	18,395	17,778	3.34	3.32	61,451	58,974	96
Other, All	--	--	38,667	36,659	2.03	2.06	78,472	75,414	96
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(000 pounds)</i>	<i>(000 pounds)</i>	<i>%</i>
Tobacco:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	378,360	326,550	2,316	2,178	876,415	711,236	81
Burley	--	--	101,500	78,900	2,100	1,834	213,160	144,675	68
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	18,630	17,750	3,175	3,145	59,146	55,815	94
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	6,150	6,200	2,844	2,750	17,490	17,050	97

Commodities with estimates not available are (denoted by "--"). ¹Revisions possible. ² Area harvested represents grain.

³ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

**Winter Wheat Seeded Acreage
Selected States & U.S., 2015 - 2016**

State	Acreage Seeded ¹		
	2015 Crop	2016 Crop	16 % of 15
	<i>(1,000 Acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 Acres)</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Illinois	540	530	98
Indiana	290	420	145
Kansas	9,200	8,500	92
Kentucky	560	550	98
Missouri	760	640	84
Ohio	520	590	113
Oklahoma	5,300	4,900	92
Tennessee	455	400	88
Texas	6,000	5,300	88
United States	39,461	36,609	93

¹ Total acreage seeded for all purposes.

**Off-Farm Storage Capacity
December 1, 2014 & 2015**

State	Number of Off-Farm Facilities		Rated Off-Farm Storage Capacity	
	12-1-14	12-1-15	12-1-14	12-1-15
	<i>(000 bu.)</i>	<i>(000 bu.)</i>	<i>(000 bu.)</i>	<i>(000 bu.)</i>
Illinois	850	850	1,460,000	1,470,000
Indiana	365	350	510,000	526,000
Kentucky	155	155	74,000	76,000
Missouri	330	330	245,000	250,000
Ohio	365	360	423,000	425,000
Tennessee	150	150	63,000	66,000
United States	8,681	8,638	10,659,320	10,977,120

Off-farm capacity data includes all elevators, warehouses, terminals, merchant mills, other storage and oilseed crushers which store whole grains, soybeans, canola, flaxseed, mustard seed, safflower, sunflower, and rapeseed.

Kentucky and United States Stocks of Grain, December 1, 2015 with Comparisons

Crop & Position	Kentucky			United States		
	Dec 2014	Sep 2015 ¹	Dec 2015	Dec 2014	Sep 2015 ¹	Dec 2015
	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>
Corn						
On-Farm	110,000	5,200	110,000	7,087,000	593,000	6,829,000
Off-Farm ²	30,566	4,235	27,832	4,124,380	1,138,164	4,382,605
Total	140,566	9,435	137,832	11,211,380	1,731,164	11,211,605
Sorghum						
On-Farm	(NA)	(3)	(3)	30,500	1,895	51,500
Off-Farm ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	192,094	16,514	262,628
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)	222,594	18,409	314,128
Oats						
On-Farm	(NA)	(3)	(3)	31,300	47,800	36,750
Off-Farm ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	35,670	46,066	46,135
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)	66,970	93,866	82,885
Barley						
On-Farm	(NA)	(3)	(3)	74,510	135,840	96,650
Off-Farm ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	81,625	83,132	84,474
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)	156,135	218,972	181,124
All Wheat						
On-Farm	(D)	(D)	(D)	472,800	650,200	503,450
Off-Farm ²	9,880	16,713	12,897	1,056,830	1,446,889	1,234,917
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,529,630	2,097,089	1,738,367
Soybeans						
On-Farm	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,218,000	49,700	1,309,500
Off-Farm ²	11,929	(D)	11,997	1,309,744	140,910	1,405,317
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)	2,527,744	190,610	2,714,817

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available.

¹ Data may have been revised. ² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. ³ On-Farm stocks estimates not made.

Crop Average Prices Received ¹

Commodity	Kentucky		U.S.	
	Nov 2014	Nov 2015	Nov 2014	Nov 2015
	\$	\$	\$	\$
All Corn (Bu) ²³	3.65	3.76	3.60	3.60
Soybeans (Bu) ²	10.50	9.11	10.20	8.68
Winter Wheat (Bu) ²	(4)	(4)	5.87	4.66
Hay, Alfalfa (Ton)	190.00	215.00	182.00	150.00
Hay, Other (Ton)	90.00	110.00	127.00	127.00

¹ Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. ² Includes contract sales paid during month. ³ Includes yellow and white corn. ⁴ Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately.

Livestock Average Prices Received ¹

Commodity	United States		
	Nov 2014	Oct 2015	Nov 2015
	\$ / Cwt.	\$ / Cwt.	\$ / Cwt.
All Hogs	66.70	55.50	45.90
Barrows & Gilts	66.40	55.40	45.80
Sows	74.20	57.40	48.50
All Beef Cattle ²	167.00	128.00	129.00
Steers & Heifers ³	169.00	129.00	131.00
Cows	115.00	89.50	82.00
Calves ⁴	305.00	234.00	217.00

¹ U.S. prices based on data provided by USDA AMS. ² "Steers & Heifers" and "Cows" combined. ³ 500 lbs. and over. ⁴ Under 500 lbs.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 15.6 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from November 2014. October revised production, at 16.1 billion pounds, was up 0.3 percent from October 2014. The October revision represented an increase of 30 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,808 pounds for November, 2 pounds above November 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of November since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.64 million head, 37,000 head more than November 2014, but unchanged from October 2015.

Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Numbers by Class & Weight Groups December 1, 2014 - 2015, Selected States and U.S.

State	Total		Breeding		Market		Market Hogs			
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	< 50	50-119	120-179	> 180
							pounds			
	2015									
	<i>1,000 hd</i>									
CO	700	700	150	145	550	555	240	120	90	105
IL	4,700	5,050	500	490	4,200	4,560	1,390	1,330	910	930
IN	3,700	3,750	290	270	3,410	3,480	1,000	920	720	840
IA	21,300	20,800	1,010	1,030	20,290	19,770	5,100	6,300	4,660	3,710
KS	1,840	1,930	180	175	1,660	1,755	430	405	390	530
KY	340	415	35	43	305	372	92	110	71	99
MI	1,170	1,110	110	110	1,060	1,000	275	250	230	245
MN	8,100	7,950	560	560	7,540	7,390	2,560	2,200	1,420	1,210
MO	2,850	3,000	400	395	2,450	2,605	1,240	525	400	440
NE	3,200	3,300	400	420	2,800	2,880	950	750	580	600
NC	8,800	8,800	880	870	7,920	7,930	2,950	1,880	1,590	1,510
OH	2,230	2,470	170	190	2,060	2,280	610	620	600	450
OK	2,120	2,100	440	470	1,680	1,630	690	345	260	335
PA	1,140	1,160	100	100	1,040	1,060	255	335	250	220
SD	1,270	1,360	160	175	1,110	1,185	405	320	215	245
TX	810	860	100	105	710	755	205	205	165	180
UT	610	670	75	75	535	595	235	115	125	120
Other ¹										
US	67,776	68,299	5,939	6,002	61,838	62,297	19,508	17,282	13,210	12,296

¹ Individual State estimates not available for the 34 other States. Kentucky included in "Other".

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